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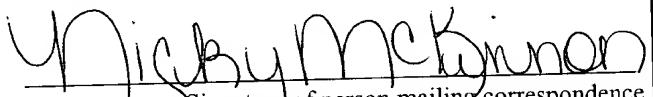
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REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ACTION

In reply to the Examiner's Action mailed January 10, 2000, Applicants make the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

Amend claim 25 as follows.

B1 Sub C4
25. (Amended) The transgenic [animal] nematode of claim [24] 23, wherein said [animal] nematode carries a mutation in a *daf-18* gene.